

# LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION KENT GROUP

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Walk No.

## THE WHITE CLIFFS CHALLENGE WALK

Sunday 27th August 2023

CHECKPOINT OPENING TIMES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO

TIME LIMITS

30 MILES: 11.5 HOURS – all to finish by 20:00

Emergency Number: 07450 792669

Welcome to the White Cliffs Challenge Walk. Please ensure that your walk number is recorded at each checkpoint. TAKE CARE CROSSING AND WALKING ON ROADS. Entrants who arrive at checkpoints after closing time will be retired. However, if necessary, each checkpoint will remain manned after closing time in an attempt to account for everyone. It is therefore important that anyone wishing to retire does so at a checkpoint. If this is not possible, then the organisers must be notified giving your name and walk number, without delay. Under no circumstances should anyone retire without ensuring that the organisers are informed.

GOOD LUCK!

Compass bearings are figures in brackets, e.g. (230°)

Abbreviations (alphabetically): BL-bear left; BR-bear right; bw-bridleway; cnr-corner; cont-continue; CP-Checkpoint; ECP-England Coast Path; encl-enclosed; fb-footbridge; flw-follow; FL-fork left; fp-footpath; fpost-finger-post; FR-fork right; imd-immediately; jcn-junction; kg-kissing gate; L-left; LH-left hand; LHS-left hand side; lmg-large metal gate; lwg-large wooden gate NDW-North Downs Way; opp-opposite; R-right; rd-road; RH-right hand; RHS-right hand side; SA-straight ahead; smg-small metal gate; swg-small wooden gate; SSW-Saxon Shore Way; st-stile; thru-through; tk-track; TL-turn left; TR-turn right; wm-waymark; wmp-waymark post; X-cross/across; y-yards.

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## ST. MARGARET'S AT CLIFFE to ABBOTTS CLIFF 8.4 miles

1. TL out of car park & x rd to R into Reach Close. BR with RH pavement then SA x grass. At rd x to R & at f-post TL into encl fp. At field BR x field. In cnr BL on fp. At tk TR. With lmg ahead TL on tk and over cattle grid. Flw to R then L. Thru swg by cattle grid & TR. In 70y TL past lighthouse entrance & flw encl fp to go thru kg. BR on worn fp to kg & flw clifftop path. Stay on main fp with newly paved surface round top of 2 bowls. In 1¼ miles up steps ahead, fence on L. TR341425 2.4 miles

2. At top, SA with fence on L. Pass next kg on L & BR continuing on main fp. At top, thru kg & ahead on man-made fp downhill. 50y after 2nd bench on L, at ECP wmp, BL steeply downhill. At green telescope BR on gravel fp into bushes & thru swg. Continue SO, passing below visitor centre on R (*toilets available at back*). 50y after path exits trees, BR thru swg with ECP wm x grass (280°), passing green telescope on L, to go thru next swg. Flw clear path with bushes on L, then fence on R swinging R at end. Thru kg TL (ECP-Dover Castle) down tarmac fp with intermittent steps. Pass redbrick wall on R then down concrete steps. At bottom of steps reach tall wmk-post. TR331418. 3.2 miles

*Routes split here – follow your route description, not the person in front.*

3. SA under main rd & then on encl fp. At garages on R, ahead on rd & in 80y, SA on East Cliff. At rd end, TL to X main rd at pedestrian xing. TR along promenade on Dover seafront. In 550y, at statues of swimmers (*Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club on R*), TR away from seafront. TR321411 4.0 miles

4. Pass to L of roundabout & SA along New Bridge. In 40y, BslightR down steps. Thru underpass & at top of slope TL thru alley (Chapel Lane). At rd TR to x dual carriageway using controlled xing. On pavement opp, TR. In 80y, TL up fp with hedge on L. Becomes rd. At top, by iron gates, TL between walls. At NDW fpost, TR then up steps. Thru kg & up more steps. Just before next kg, TR ignoring fork on L. Uphill on fp to flw fence on L (*pause for views of Dover Castle to your R & the Drop Redoubt on your L*). Swing L between fences, later just fence on R, thru kg & down steps. Thru kg & x rd. On pavement opp, TL uphill. At brow & NDW fpost TR on side road, TR314408 4.9 miles

5. In 150y, FL at NDW/SSW sign & in 70y, FL past barrier. In 270y, where tk swings R, FL downhill with ECP/NDW wmk on L (*Shakespeare Cliff soon in view*). Thru kg & BR with path downhill. Thru either kg, & TL down steps to rd. BR & in 200y, at NDW fpost, TL thru King Lear's Way.

At Tjcn, x rd & TR. In 50y, BL down steps & TL thru underpass. Up steps & TR (NDW fpost) on path up Shakespeare Cliff. TR309400.  
5.6 miles

**BEWARE – CLIFF EDGE DANGEROUS IN PLACES FOR NEXT 4 MILES.**

6. At end of concrete fp thru kg on R flw fence on L over ridge (ignore kgs on L). In dip thru kg ahead & cont with fence on L. At brick air shaft thru kg hidden behind & climb Round Down, fence on L. Over top at WW2 bunker on R, SO thru kg & flw worn fp. TR296394 6.5 miles

7. Keep ahead on NDW, ignoring all kgs to R. In 1.2 miles, at wmp, TR with NDW & thru kg. Imd TL with fence on L. Go thru kg in cnr & around ventilation installation. Thru next kg BR to join tarmac tk with fence on R. Pass WW1 Zeppelin detector dish on L. Cont over brow to CP1.

ABBOTTS CLIFF TR267368 8.4 miles

Opens 10:30 Closes 12:30

ABBOTTS CLIFF to TEMPLE EWELL 5.7 miles

8. Pass to R of lmg & x grass to post. TR to flw railings on L. At end keep ahead to go thru bushes. Pass radar solar panels & at low wmp just before caravan park fence, TR on fp, hedge on L. At rd TL on pavement. At bus stop TR x rd into pub car park. SA to go thru lwgs. X drive & thru gap to L of lwgs. Flw encl fp to smg. Flw LHS field to smg in cnr. BR x grass. At wmp BR then swinging L to flw fence on L to kg in cnr. X field (350°). At cnr flw RHS field to st in cnr. Flw fp thru trees. At disused st TL, A20 audible on R. At rd step over barrier & TR x A20 bridge. Imd TL over barrier to flw fp. At lmg BR x field (330°). At churchyard BL towards lmg (if closed x st just beyond its LHS) to join rd. At Tjcn TR. In 280y TL thru smg in hedge. TR256404 10.1 miles

9. Flw LHS field. In cnr TR thru smg & flw fp. At rd BR. At jcns FL then BL. Flw rd downhill into Alkham. At rough car park BR to x plank bridge (maybe hidden by cars). X recreation ground steeply up into top cnr. TR to end of barrier & x rd to L into drive opp. In 100y TR on tk. Thru kg & at field flw RHS to kg in cnr. Swing L round spur, maintaining height, to kg in middle of horseshoe woods. TR257428 11.8 miles

10. Flw fp up thru trees. Becomes steps. At kg up field (50°) into diagonal cnr. At kg & rd BR. At triangle jcn TL. At triangle jcn TR (Newcastle Lane). At jcn FR (Red Barn Lane). Becomes tk. When tk TRs around large tree, thru kg on L to cont RHS long field to kg in RH cnr set back. Flw fp thru wood. Join wide tk from L & keep ahead. Pass houses on R

& in 90y BL on bw downhill. After railway bridge becomes rd. Flw to R then L past church. At cnr SA x fb. At rd SA to CP2.

TEMPLE EWELL VILLAGE HALL TR286444 14.1 miles

Opens 11:30 Closes 14:30

TEMPLE EWELL to NORTHBOURNE 7.8 miles

11. From CP up rd to join LH pavement. In 20y TR x rd into tk to pass allotments. At field flw LHS into cnr, & exit on fp up steps to kg. Up field (340°) to join tk from R. At fence cnr BR fence on L. In 450y SA thru smg to R of lmg. At end of fence TL x field into LH cnr. Thru smg, TR on tk thru underpass. Flw tk round farmstead. At drive SA thru trees. At field BR x field (350°) passing garden cnr into cnr. At rd TL. In 550y at end of wood on R BR thru gap in hedge by lmg. Flw LHS field & in 5y BR then BL x field to rejoin LHS round to farmyard entrance. TR x field (30°) Waldershare House in distance. SA on fp x fields trending down to follow valley bottom & pass Waldershare House garden on L to swg in cnr. SA thru trees. At drive TL. TR290480 16.8 miles

12. In 80y, at NDW wmp, TR thru smg. At isolated smg on R, BL to pass diagonally R thru avenue of trees to kg. Cont up field (330°), xing tk, & thru smg at top. Cont down field to gap into wood. Flw fp thru wood. In 90y at wmp TR to flw LHS field. At rd x into Monkton Court Lane opp. TL with rd into Green Lane & imd at f-post TR into tk. At field flw RHS to cnr then BslightR x field (30°). At hedge BL RHS field. 15y before lmg thru gap on R to reach rd. X (CARE – fast cars) to R into encl fp opp. At xfps SA then BR with fp. At fence cnr SA thru trees & FR to kg. SA x field (60°) to RH end of trees. BL between fields & exit past cricket ground. At rd TR. In 120y at fpost TL to field & BR between fences. TR302512 19.3 miles

13. At rd TL. In 190y, opp side rd, TR on fp to x A256 bridge. Imd TL on bw to swg. TL & imd FR on bw straight through trees, later LHS field. Pass between 2 houses then SA x field 200y into trees. BR x field (60°) (Northbourne House ahead on L) into cnr. BL on tk. In 160y BR up bank & cross field to gap into wood. Flw fp thru wood. At edge flw LHS field round, passing gap in trees on L, to join tk thru trees. Pass side tk on L & in 170y FL. At rd TL & take 1<sup>st</sup> R. At jcn x into fp opp. & flw between fields. At rd BR & take 1<sup>st</sup> L (The Drove). In 150y TR into churchyard. Pass church on L & FR to CP3

NORTHBOURNE CHURCH ROOM TR338523 21.9m

Opens 12:45 Closes 17:00

## NORTHBOURNE to ST. MARGARET'S AT CLIFFE 8.2 miles

14. Return to church & swing R on fp to exit churchyard.

Becomes rd. At Tjcn TL on fp behind hedge. TL then BR with fp.

At recreation ground flw RHS into cnr under trees. X drive & flw RHS of field. In 160y BR at blank wood sign & shortly thru kg. Flw fence on R to xing tk. Flw fp with fence on R. At tk x to cont on fenced fp up to smg. BL to boundary where BR x gap to flw LHS of field. Thru cnrs cont RHS next field. As edge swings L, BR thru gap in hedge up bank. X field (130°) under power line. At 2<sup>nd</sup> power pole BR to kg. Flw fence on R to kg into churchyard. Flw LHS to lytch gate & TR. At swgs cont on rd. At Tjcn TL on fp opp. At side rd (Cherry Lane) BR. At side rd on R (Pixwell Lane) BR on fp x field. TR346512 23.2 miles

15. At brow cont x field past hedge end. At rd x to R to broken st in hedge. Cont x field cnr, thru field boundary & up field. At top BR. At concrete drive TL & in 30y TR on rd. At churchyard TL thru lytch gate passing church on R to kg. SA under large tree to kg. BR x field cnr & BL RHS field. At end of hedge SA under power line. At cnr SA LHS field. X railway via 2 sts & resume LHS field. Cross rd & SA LHS field. At garden fence BR x field cnr to f-post. X rd & up fld (180°), aiming towards LH end of wood to R. At top of rise, BL past Nelson's Seat on path RHS field with hedge & fence on R. At end of hedge, x field (170°) into cnr. SA thru trees, soon between fences. Thru kg to rd & x into churchyard at Ringwould. TR 360483 25.4 miles

16. Thru churchyard & exit thru lychgate. SA to TL on rd. At main rd x using island to R & TL on pavement opp. In 30y, at fpost, TsharpR on drive (Abbots House on R). Becomes tk then fp. Where fp starts to swing R, at fpost, TL into wood. (if fallen tree is still impassable go on 50y & TsharpL into wood to rejoin) 40y after next fpost at wm stone FR & flw bw as it meanders thru trees. In 400y, reach lane & Cold Drinks Stop. TR367479 26.2 miles

17. SA on fp opp, with hedge on L. In 250y, at wmp TL thru wooden posts in narrow gap into Kingsdown Wood (Wood Hill on OS maps). In 20y, FR & flw path as it meanders thru wood, ignoring side paths. In 150y, pass large fallen trees on L & R. Keep ahead on path thru wood (40° at first) to BR & exit wood thru barrier. SA with hedge on L, to go thru next barrier. TR & flw encl fp then TL with new fence with wooden posts on R to field. TR373477 26.6 miles

18. TL on tk & in 30y, TR on tk, hedge on L, soon passing house entrances. Becomes tarmac & TLs. At jcn (Queensdown Rd) TR on stony tk & flw to rd. TR (Granville Road) then TL (The Leas). Flw rd past golf clubhouse. At end of car park TL x grass. At fp TR. The path gradually swings to the R, past the occasional ECP or SSW wmk-post. Thru gap in fence & flw path between cliff edge & bushes. Thru kg & flw main fp towards obelisk. Thru kg into car park of Dover Patrol Memorial. TR373452 28.8 miles

19. Pass monument and at signpost (Explore St. Margaret's Frontline Britain Trail) TR. Thru kg and flw main path (250°) across common of Bockell Hill. 100yds before gate and rd ahead, BR, then BL, then SA to fence. TR and ahead for 70yds to kg in fence on L, go thru and TR, hedge on R. At rd TL. In 550y at wm stone TR into fp to L of white garage door. TL with fp, thru gate then TR between fences. Cont LHS field into cnr. At kg TL RHS field to kg in cnr. SA on fp. At tk TR & flw to rd. BL out of Droveaway Gardens. At Tjcn TR & take 1<sup>st</sup> L into Reach Road. X to RH pavement when clear. At tk on R BR up steps & flw veranda round to finish. 30.1 miles

YOU'VE MADE IT!